Mand Musier one summer's morn
Jerked the suckers from the corn,
And walloped the striped burs that flew
From the melon vines in the morning dew.
Has dress, though adjusted with patient care,
Was, maybe, a little the worse for wear;
Rut her faces was as fair as the rips, red rose,
Though she had a few freekles upon the nose.
Her father, an honest and kind old jay,
Was cut in the meadow raking hay,
And trying to lift with his brawny arm,
The mortages that covered the dear old farm.
Twas an upfull job and it made him swear,
For he had ten children, and dogs to spure;
And the crop was large, and the price was no
And the annual interest made him hot.

The Judge rode by on his sway-backed horse. And saw Mand Muller and changed his course He was struck with her beautiful eyes and hair and fell in love with her then and there. He stopped and conversed of the growing crops and the wavering price, and the bucket shops and was quite impressed with her sterling sense as she with his classic eloquence.

Fe come each day and longer stayed, And offered his hand to the honest maid, And she, in true lover's parlance versed, Requested to be a sister at first, But afterward yielded, when he demurred Bibmitted a brief, and her dad concurred; and so it was settled the twain shoul! be One and the same for eternity.

And Mand was dressed like a fairy queen, In the finest togs she had ever seen.

And the Judge was happy, and so was she.

And so was the whole community.

Meantime the Muller farm seemed to be Fre h meat for the ravenues mortgages. But the Judge, in a dignified, legal way. Sought the creditors out and advanced the p And save his wife's father a farm beside, Without the least show of jedicial pride, And said to himself as he wrote the deed. I'll not see my father-in-law in need, For he gase me his daughter, and she alone is worth many times all the wealth I own."

OLD DRIVER'S STORY.

Yes, I can tell some strange stories, sion, and originate from the imagin-

as wild and lonely a road as is often somehow I conceived the idea that found, though since that time it has he was the evil-eyed stranger. There been wonderfully improved; the wood- was a dim light burning in Marston's h ghway.

But I suppose you want me to get

just known where he came from, and no one seemed to know where h: it without removing my outer coat. was sen outside her home; she seemed to love nothing in the world save little Netta, the child.

Just how Marston obtained his liv town for a few days at a time, an sometimes received letters from other localities; but these facts were not them at the time.

His glib tongue and familiar way of rattle on. murdered.

own residence-so near that he could saw the gleam of a revolver. keep watch of all my movements; 1id any one else.

Thus matters went on for some time. He occasionally rode to Mountwhat purpose I never knew posi-There was a bank in both New

Brunswick and Mountain Creek, and it freemently happened that large sums of money were sent from one to the other in my care. I did not generally well paid for it; I was then

I drove two strong horses that had under perfect control; I could govern them by words alone when necessary. It did not need the touch of a whip to increase their pace, or a pull at the reins to stop them or check their speed: a word from me would do this at all times. I could start them into a lively trot by merely stamping my feet upon the step of the high seat. The horses stopped, and the wagon seat. I believe those those the learned a bullet whiz past my horses understood me and my moods as well as human beings understand

About the village of Mountain C.eek there we e large tracts of fine woodland covered with pine, hemlock, and chestnut; and as a railroad was to be built up the vailey, many farmers, and others who had money to spa e, bought up the land, expecting to double their money in the near futu e. There were a few wealthy men in New B un wick, as it was an older town than Mountain Creek, and several of these purchased lots and crouching down, trying to appear Yokohama has the finest watch-makin the "other valler," as it was often very much frightened. It took the ing machinery from this country. called. This of c u se necessitated a lines from him, coolly observing that transfer of large sums of money from I was fully prepared for another highin my revolver. He knew that I susbusiness

sweed a large bull dog that often ac-tompanied me upon my trips over the mountains and he too was under perfect control. He never molested people unless they were upon torbidden escape the bullets." He did not like Marston: lam of the and stop the horses?" I asked in a apinion that the fellow often sneaked tone that implied a good deal more about my premises when he should than the words expressed have been somewhere else. Of course this is only guess work; but for some reason old Bruce disliked our smoothtongued neighbor, although Marston she matter ended. tried repeatedly to make friends with

When I was carrying more money every trip, and he generally rode by Marston's, and that this was his first my side upon the outside of the stempt at robbery.

It was toward the end of Decem

ser, and as but little snow had fallen, somplicity with him. He said that is till used the large old summet he had been ashamed to own him, coach, which was pretty heavy to be and persuaded him to remain out of and persuaded him to remain out of drawn over the rough, hilly roads
But my horses were sufficient for all
ordinary occasions, as we remained low did not deny these statements, over night in Mountain Creek, and he alone was arrested. He paid dearly returned to New Brunswick the next for his crime, for blood pol oning set afternoon. Three trips of fifteen in, and he died before the law had miles and back each week were not the privilege of administering justice. hard, unless the going was very bad Edward Marston suddenly lost his

one that would not shrink from any deed, if general appearances indicated anything. He was only seen felt a sense of relief when he went three times in as many weeks; all away, although much sympathy was knew that his headquarters were not

once, yet I should have known him but few cared. This is my story, again had 1 met him a thousand just as it occurred.—Waverly Maganiles from New Brunswick One night about the middle of De

cember, I was awakened from my sleep by the howling of old Bruce. 1 arose and dressed myself, and went to the woodshed where he slept, and found him in a dying condition. He had been poisoned. He died a few ninutes after I reached him.

I kept perfectly still, and remained in the dark watching for further developments. In an hour or two afer his howling had ceased I heard stealthy footsteps outside the shed, and they are true ones too. A good and through a small knot-hole I saw many of the tales to which you listen the form of a man. He crept close are made up expressly for the occa- to the small open window at the end and apparently listened. It flashed ation alone. But mine are facts, and into my mind that he was trying to as ertain whether or not the dog was A man who is constantly carrying money, and often large sums, generally has some adventures in the Theorem I whether or not the dog was dead. My first impulse was to shoot the dark, crouching form, for I had my trusty revolver ready for service. space of a score of years—just the Then I concluded to watch the fel-time I drove the stage from New low when he went away, which I did, He walked directly to the back Brunswick to Mountain Creek, a distance of fifteen miles. It was then door of Edward Marston's house, and

lands have been cleared, and substan- kitchen, and when the door opened tial farmhouses erected along the It came to me very plainly that

pearing fellow who made friends with my custom, into the bank, and there nearly everybody. It was never quite deposited the money in an inside

Creek to work.

to be doing tusiness for some insur- sented, but told him it would be them by the influence of aristocratic them, the whole bunch jumped into ance firm, yet it was quite certain much more comfortable inside. He tinsmen. that he did not receive sufficient answered laughingly that he would compensation from this alone to oh. rather stand the cold than the cor. he aristocracy are crowding in at a come up under the boat, we should of Figs. tain a livelihood. He sometimes left founded lonesomeness. I said noth tate that is surprising, even the probably be the ones to take the town for a few days at a time and ing more, and we proceeded at once humbler ones having not a few mem-blunge. ng more, and we proceded at once mon our lourney.

sufficient to prove that his statements it was somewhat difficult for me to Thames embankment one may be and might have had more, except in her consumption were true, although but few doubted reply to his incessant chatter, so ! shaved and have his hair cut by a that the bodies sank before we could twin screw vessels. ga e up the attempt and let him barber who claims descent from the ecure them.

addressing people gained him many But somehow I did not enjoy his peared among the younger branches admirers, while they repelled a few talk. I telt sure the fellow was of one of England's Ducal houses. who were more discerning and cau- nervous, in spite of his efforts to con He was given \$1,000 when he came of When Samuel Barton, the welltious. I was among the latter class. ceal it. I caught him saying the age and a ticket to Australia, but mown Wall street broker, and now of and this fact alone, I believe, saved same things over and over again did not like Australia and when he she firm of J. W. Davis & Co., was a me from being robbed and perhap. Several times I saw h m thrust his came back his relatives declined to do poor boy, he studied law in S. L. M. hand in his pocket, and withdraw it anything more for him. During his Barlow's office. One day he received The tellow fived very near to my very suddenly. Once I was sure! brief stay in Australia he learned a curt summons from his uncle, Com-

while I in turn kept my eyes upon that matters would soon come to a of livelihood. He makes no pretense and out what that brusque but potenhim. I think he mistrusted hew crists, and I began to watch the fel of concealing his identity. matters stood, and so tried in a low more closely. I gathered the variety of ways to win my confidence. reins in my left hand and slipped my But he never succeeded, for I had right into my overcoat pocket in come in contact too much with hu.

manity to be easily deceived. Yet I told him my hand was cold. Only treated my neighbor as kindly as I one thing rather troubled me: I could guarded with iron bars, a monster ain Creek with me, aithough for murdered and his body hidden. There and snake and owner were passengers

and if my companion meditated and length and twelve inches in circums arm to me, he would be safe from terence. obser ation almost anywhere. Onward we went, I constantly ou hesitate to take these packages, being it full speed. As we were descending a python exhibit. ing a steep hill where thick clumps des of the narrow road, Marston en-

> upon the opposite side, and saw a caught." man very distinctly. I at once recognized the evil looking stranger. He held a revolver, but as Marston sat between me and him, it occurred to ne that he would not shoot.

Suddenly Marston seized the lines from my left hand and dropped from nead. I had my revolver pointed to ward the fellow, and I shot three mes rapidly in succession. I heard groan and saw his left arm fall, but in his right hand he still held the town take care of her? Second Vilgleaming weapon. Marston was lage Boy-Mebby when everybody clutching the reins, and the horses had come to a complete stand still I bill - Street & Smith's Good News tapped the footboard sharply, and they went up the opposite hill with lightning like speed. I heard the fellow cry out for help, and I knew that I had wounded him severely.

Marston was still holding the reins my own town to Mountain Creek, and wayman, as I had several charges left I have forgotten to mention that I villian I had wounded, and in a con-

"I saw the fellow also," he said, 'and jumped down from the seat to "But why did you take the reins

"I hardly knew what I did. I was soo much excited to know anything."

Silence fell between us, and thus the matter ended.

The man I had wounded found his way to Marston's, and was obliged to tall a physician to dress his wounds. He claimed that he was a cousin of Marston's, and that this was his first the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. In the most stubborn to the stubborn at the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. In the most stubborn to the stubborn at the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. In the most stubborn to the stubborn at the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. In the most stubborn to the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. In the most stubborn to the liver and rouses every organ into healthful action. shan usual I took old Bruce with me lie claimed that he was a cousin of

Several of the payments of the newly purchased land became due a out the first of January, and I readiness to finish me if I was

think Marston knew this. About wounded by his confederate, but as I the first of December a stranger sudi gct in the first effectual shot he condenly appeared in town, and every cluded to take another part in the body at once became suspicious of little drama. Doubtless the two men He was a rough looking fellow designed to murder me outright. He left the village of New Bruns wick very soon after this. Every one expressed for the careworn wife and far off, but no one could find out sweet little girl. As I said be o e, where he stayed. I only saw him no one knew just where he went, and

WRETCHED ARISTOCRATS.

hey Even Resort to Crime to Obtain

Livelihood The condition of the English arisocracy seems to get worse and worse. The extreme poverty of many leads them to resort to any means, however criminal, for obtaining a livelihood. It is said that an Earl, noted for his dissipated manner of living, was amazed recently to find among the inmates of a disorderly house he visited, his own niece, the daughter among the walrus in the Arctic reof a sister whom he had lost sight rions. They were on a walrus-hunt, of for several years. The girl recog. for the purpose of obtaining ivory. nized the Earl by his pictures, which she had seen.

of a Baronet of ancient lineage was teen of the creatures asleep on it. irrested, under an assumed name, Mrs Peary thus describes the advenswindling. He gave the excuse that he was driven to crime by starva-

of age, who has been exposed as the low straight up into the air. down to the story, instead of giving general descriptions of the old stage route. I do not like to tell it, for it may seem to some like casting unjust susjicions upon a man against whom nothing definite was ever proven. Yet, I am convinced in my own mind of his intentions, although he did not succeed in carrying them out.

There came a stranger to the vill.

Something was about to occur, and that I might possibly figure in some time for in some time as about to occur, and that I might possibly figure in some time for in a literary imposture, is another instance. Goold is in his second childhood but has virtually nothing to live on. He comes from an ancient family, being descended from the Mayor of Cork who held office in the reign of Henry VIL. He has goldfluches on his armorial creat, while the boys kept but that is about all the gold that term for swindling.

The English system of civil set is the nown where he came from, and no one seemed to know where he went to when he left; for he disappeared as suddenly as he came. He had a wife and one child, as sweet a little gill as ever lived, and whom he to Mountain Creek. There were the hot left is chieffy devoted to providing attacking us; but by steady firing we places for the poor nobility, and the poor relations of rich nobility; but both classes are getting so numerous that the civil service, the church, and little gill as ever lived, and whom a control of the reasonners and the coart the army are insufficient to provide. everybody loved. His wife was a no other passengers, and the coact the army are insufficient to provide chance whether I should be shot or pale, sad looking woman, who seldom was empty save for a light trunt for all, and many of them have to growned. that I was carrying to a lumber mat live by their wits, or resort to honest I cannot describe my feelings when who had recently gone to Mountair employment. Among the omnibus these monsters surrounded us, their reek to work.

and cab drivers of London are to be tusks almost touching the boat, while met men who were brought up in the bullets were whistling about my ing was a mystery for he had no visible means of support. He claimed was no one inside the coach. I conto hold on to the places found for Whenever a volley of shots greeted

> bers who were trained at Econ and Plantaganets, and whose name aptrade from necessity, and when he got nodore Vanderbilt, and, dutiful There arose in my mind the thought back he took to shaving as a means suphew that he was, he hastened to

A Twenty-Five-Foot Python;

not imagine where I might be at python is recuperating after a sea voytacked, as there was a score of wild, age from Manila. The snake is the lonely places were a man might be property of Emil Walker, of Manila, were many long stretches of wood on the City of Feath, small for long tretches of wood on the City of Feath, land, lonely marshes, and swamps, arrived. The python is twenty-feet in the old Commodore. "You know nough to be honest, don't you?"

Mr. Walker had heard of the Mid winter Fair and journeyed from his he alert, and Marston's tongue going home in Manils with the idea of mak-

"This is a small snake," said he young and strong, with an unlimited of hemlock bushes grew upon both because it is young; not that they when I tell you to pay 'em, don't amount of confidence in my own strength and shrewdness in emergencies. It was well that I did have this egotism, if it may be thus called, for it saved me a vast amount of fret and worry.

I despite the property of the narrow road, Marston engles in the property increase to a foot in thickness with its egotism, if it may be thus called, for it saved me a vast amount of fret and worry.

Instead of looking in the direction in the Philippine Islands is to bait a large hook made for that purpose with a rat or some other small live animal, se indicated, I glanced at the clump and that is the way that this one was

The snake was the object of mucl mriosity among the frequenters of the hotel yesterday. A live rabbit was placed in the cage for food, but the snake disappointed the curious by refusing to eat it. -San Francisco Chron-

An Unpardonable Sta. First Village Boy (with sled)-Old Mrs. Muggins has to go to th' poorhouse. Why don't the folks around was childrens she put ashes on the

Watchmaking in Japan. The manufacture of watches has atmined a considerable degree of importance in Japan. That empire now supplies British Hong Kong with watches

LOOK OUT FOR BREAKERS AHEAD when pimples, eruptions, boils, and like manifes-tations of impure blood appear. They wouldn't appear if your blood were

your blood were pure and your sys-tem in the right condition. They show you what you need—a good blood-purifer; that's what you get when you take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical

Spring Makes Me Tired

To many people Spring and its duties it make pure, rich blood. It gives mean an aching head, tired limbs, and strength to nerves and muscles because throbbing nerves. Just as the milder it endows the blood with new powers complaint of all.

weather comes, the strength begins to of nourishment. It creates an appe-wane and "that tired feeling" is the tite, tones and strengthens the stomach omplaint of all.

The reason for this condition is found up the whole system and prepares it to a the deficient quality of the blood. in the deficient quality of the blood. meet the change to warmer weather. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a medicine During the winter, owing to various causes, the blood becomes loaded with impurities and loses its richness and

vitality. Consequently, as soon as the bracing effect of cold air is lost, there is languor and lack of energy. The cure will be found in purifying and mriching the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood's Sarsaparilla does all that it is claimed to do in the blood puriner prominents by the public eye to-day. It has been supported by the public eye to-day. It has been supported by before the public eye to-day. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest and best spring medicine because it is the greatest and best blood purifier. It overcomes that tired feeling because and renewed health. Take it now.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the Only True Blood Purifier

Prominently in the Public Eye To-Day.

Besieged by Walrus.

A bad quarter of an hour was that ment by the Peary crew, one day, direction, and the men headed the Only last week the younger brother boat for a cake of ice with about if-

The boys were told to pull for all tion and was too proud to go near they were worth until the order was his brother, who was, indeed, not given to stop. Mr. Peary then took much better off. The victim of the his camera, and he became so abswindler relented and the affair war highed up. The case of Sir Henry Valentine to stop until the boat ran on the case Soold, an old Irish Baronet, 89 years of ice at least four feet, throwing her

Mountain Creek and deposit in the bank. One of them contained a thousand dollars, and the other of Edward Marston, a very slick appearing fellow who made friends with fifty round us at one time and it seemed impossible to keep them from

the air, and then plunged under

When we finally got out of the tur My companion talked constantly Oxford, In a barber shop on the moil, we had four heads with tusks,

> commodore Vanderbilt's Bookkeeping sial old gentleman wanted of him. He ound the Commodore in a high state findignation over the faithlessness f a trusted cashier.

> "Sam, I've sent for you because want you to be my cashier," exclaimed the founder of the Vanderbilt riches. chemently.

> "But, uncle, I don't know anything shout bookkeeping." protested young Barton.

"Yes, sir," promptly responded the rephew.
"Well, you know how to take money

then it is paid to you, don't you?" "Yes, sir." "And you know how to pay bills

on?" "Certainly." "Then you would know enough to give me the balance of the money, 'ouldn't you?"

"Why, of course," said Barton.
"Well, that's bookkeeping."
And Sam Barton filled the bill to is uncle's satisfaction for several wars. - New York Times.

Quickly Told.

Friend-What was your graduation esay about? Mabel-What the astronomer now about mars. Friend-Dear me! Why did you hoose that subject? Mabel-Because I didn't have time o write much.-New York Weekly.

Would Be on the Safe Side. "Have you any choice as to where our picture shall be hung?" "No," replied the artist, "only that I'd feel on the safe side if you would out it in a room with low ceilings." -Washington Star.

His Reason The following story is told by a friend of the Saunterer in Lowell.

Freddle is the bright 4-year-old son of Boston minister. Every night on retiring the little fellow repeats his "Now I lay me," as soon as he is snugly tucked in bed. He recently went to his aunt in

Lowell to make & short visit, his mother returning home and leaving him behind for a few days. On the first night of his stay his aunt put him to bed and stood waiting; but the little fellow had apparently for

gotten his prayer. At length his aunt said "Why, Freddie, aren't you going to say your prayer?"

"No, ma'am," he said, and this wa all the answer she could get. She let him have his way that night, but the next, when the same scene was repeated, his aunt gently remonstrated.
"Why, Freddle," she said, "why don't ever had typhoid fever. Mr. Baker said in Iown 287,000. you say your prayer? You know you lways do at home."

"Yes, auntie," replied Freddie, "but ou know I'm on a vacation now!"

Full of Enthusiasm.

Brown-You show a good deal or times before, haven't you? Robberts-Yes, but it is my trip without my wife. "I might have known that I me, your wife yesterday and 1 never saw her look so happy."-Texas Siftings.

States cruiser Minneapolis, with her God bless Dr. Williams; may helive for a long to the past and the remaining one three screws, is much more economical in her consumption of coal than the twin screw vessels.

time; I know he will go up yonder to real does a small business; and cabinetial in her consumption of coal than the twin screw vessels.

does a small business; and cabinetial making is hardly any more a real making is hardly any more a in her consumption of coal than the

It Is Merely Good Health That beautiful complexion is health, preserved by Ripans Tabules. Ripans Tabules purify the blood, clear the skin of blemishes and make life more worth

The new photograph of the heavens which is being prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers shows 68,000,000stars.

After the Grip, diphtheria, pneumoni scarlet fever, typhoid fever, etc., Hood's Sarsa-parilla is of wonderful benefit in imparting the strength and vigor so much desired Hood's Pills for the liver and bowels, ac asily yet promptly and effectively.

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We will give \$100 reward for any case of ca-irrh that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, C.

Red phosphorus combines with chlorate of potash to make an explosive of great violence. I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption o sufferers from Asthma.—E. D. Townsend, Ft. Howard, Wis., May 4, 1894.

Two pounds of potatoes are said to contain as much nutriment as thirteen ounds of turnips.

Ir. Kilmer's Swamp-Boot cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamplet and Consultation free. Laboratory Binghamton, N. Y.

A large deposit of fuller's earth has

the earth ever made from this country

was sent to England recently. The

amount was ten tons. Mrs. Winelow's Southing Syrup for children teething, softens the guns, reduces inflammation, allars pain, ourse wind colle. Mr. a bottl

A red sunset fortells-dry weather, because it indicates that the air toward the west from which quarter rain may generally be expected, contains little

If afflicted with sore eyes use Dr. Isaac Thompon's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c. per bottle

The rubber tire with an iron hoop outside is steadily growing in favor abroad, and thousands of them are now used for cabs and broughams.

Keep the Baby Fat.

"CAVE SPRING, GA., May 21, 1894.

"My baby was a living skeleton. The doctors said he was dying of Marasmus, Indigestion, etc. The various foods I tried seemed to keep him alive, but did not strengthen or fatten him. At thirteen months old he weighed exactly what he did at birth—seven pounds. I began using "Scorr's Emulsion," sometimes putting a few drops in his bottle, then again feeding it with a spoon; then again by the absorption method of rubbing it into his body. The effect was marvelous. Baby began to stouten and fatten, and became a beautiful dimpled boy, a wonder to all. Scorr's Emulsion supplied the one thing needful.

"MRS. KERNON WILLIAMS."

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is especially useful for sickly, delicate children when their other food fails to nourish them. It supplies in a concentrated, easily digestible form, just the nourishment they need to build them up and give them health and strength. It is Cod-liver Oil made palatable and easy to assimilate, combined with the Hypophosphites, both of which are most remarkable nutrients.

Marston's, and that this was his first the liver and rouses every organ into testempt at robbery.

Marston acknowledged that he was his first forms of Skin Diseases, such as Salt-rheum, Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Boils and kindred ailments, and Scrofuls, it is an unequaled remedy.

The liver and rouses every organ into most remarkable nutrients.

Don't be persuaded to accept a substitute!

Scott & Bowne, New York. All Druggists. 50c. and \$1.

END OF THE VOYAGE

ted on Board Ship with Much Pomp and Ceremony.

A woman who has just crossed Europe for the first time writes home with which the end of the voyage is with which the end of the ceremony is elebrated on the last night out. "It seems," she says, "that it is al

ways customary, on the German line, at least, and probably on all, to have an especially elaborate dinner just before arriving in Southampton, which is called the 'captain's dinner.' Everyone is supposed to order wine to the health of the captain, while he re-sponds, toasting the health and safe ourneyings of his passengers. When we came to the table we found it decorated with most elaborate cakes four stories high, with little American and German flags stuck on all sides, and little paper ornaments-truly German. We went through a most elaborate menu, and when we came to the dessert, the waiters suddenly disappeared, the music stopped, and the lights went out. A hush and sense of expectancy fell upon the company. Suddenly the music started a lively march, the doors opened, and the waiters appeared, bearing trays. On each was a round globe of rice paper with a light inside, and around this sat small Japanese figin his arms a little umbrella of lightcolored paper. The room was perfectiy dark, and the effect as the waiters
marched around and around, forming
different figures and bearing their iliuminated burdens, was novel and interesting. Everybody clapped and
cheered. Then the lights were turned
on and we are the ice cross men and cheered. Then the lights were turned on, and we ate the ice cream men and kept the umbrellas as souvenirs. It was a captain's dinner, though withgerous place, and he could not leave his post on the bridge."

A LIVING SHADOW.

EMARKABLE THANSFORMATION OF A NORTH CAROLINA MAN. thange, but True, Story From the Lum-

ber Regions of a Southern State-Verified by Personal Investigation. (From the Greenville, N. C., Reflector.)

The following interview has just been given fact that the population of these States our reporter by Mr. G. A. Baker, the overseer gained largely during the decade, the as the farm of Col. Isaac A. Sugg, of Green- increase in Ohio being 474,000, in In-

We were forcibly struck with the enrnestness of Mr. Baker and his statements may b

elied on.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to restore shattered nerves. They are an unlailing specific for such diseases as locomotor staxis, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuraigia, rheumatism, nervous keadache, the after effects of la grippe, palitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in mails or female; and all diseases resulting nale or female; and all diseases resulting rom vitlated humors in the blood. Pink bills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent

No More Singing. Twenty years ago in Italy melody The laborer going home to bed through the vines sung his stornello or his riswho drove his yoked oxen or cows in the big square cart beguiled the way with song, joyous or amorous. The guitar and the mandolin were heard at dusk at every farm house door, and in the streets of the town youths went singing and playing till the moon was

high. There was music all over the land along the hedgerows as in the city lanes, under the poplars and mulberries as beneath the walls of citadel and baptistry. How many a time at sunset have I listened to the beautiful consone of the peasantry when the been discovered on a big tobacco farm sweetness of the vine flower filled the lutely dead to the needs of cultivating in Florida, and the first shipment of atmosphere or the dropped acada blossom shed its smell on garden paths. Now rarely are these wood notes wild ever heard to lighten and spiritualize toil.-Oulds, in the Nineteenth Century.

> Explorers Are Plenty Now. Perhaps this is a less adventurous age than the time of Columbus or of venture been more of a professional natter than now. There are twenty Englishmen and Americans who could be called upon professionally to lead an exploring expedition into whatever region of Africa, Australia, or South America might need exploration, and to make the business his life work if, before the end of his span, the trolley shall not have made every corner of

Prospective Army Retirementa In the five years ending April 1, 1900, here will be 130 retirements for age in the army. The list includes 1 lieutenant general, 2 major generals, 7 brigadler generals, 44 colonels, 17 lieutenment, 5; judge advocate general's department, 1; quartermanter's department, 9; subsistence, 8; medical, 15; pay, 7; engineers' corps, 5; ordnange, ncluding 2 storekeepers, 4; post chap-

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TOWN DECADENCE.

illent Tragedy Overtaking Villages in the North Central States. "The Doom of the Small Town," is he title of an article by Henry J. letcher in the Forum, wherein the writer points out the silent tragedy that is overtaking the small villages in all our north central States. One by one, family by family, he says their inhabitants slip away in search of other homes; a steady but hardly perceptible emigration takes away the young, the hopeful, the ambitious. There remain behind the superannuated, the feeble, the dull, the stagnant rich, who will ures made of ice cream, each holding risk nothing, the ne'er-do-wells who in his arms a little umbrella of lightout a captain, for we chanced to be when the mills were grinding, when passing at the time through a very dancost. That happy period was from ten to thirty years ago; the general decline of the small municipalities of the West became most noticeable during the decade from 1880 to 1890.

Of 6,291 townships enumerated in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, lowa and Michigan, 144 have remained stationary in population between 1880 and 1890; 3,003 have gained and 3,144 have declined, and this in face of the

The chief productive industries h "I was living in Beaufort County, and or small Western communities have been the 2d day of October, 1893, I was stricken the manufacture of agriculture impledown with typhoid tever. I had the best ments, of brick and tile, cooperage, physicians to attend me and on the 15th day grist mills and flouring mills, foundries of January, 1894, I was allowed to get up. I and machine shops, saw-mills and mills was emediated, weak and had no appetite. whose products are made from logs I could only drag along for a short distance and bolts, the making of furniture, enthusiasm over your coming trip to and would be compelled to sit down and wagons and carriages. Twenty years Europe. Why, you've crossed several rest. This continued for some time and I ago all these trades flourished in every began to give up hope of ever getting well. village of a thousand or more popula I lost my position in Beaufort County and tion. I have been familiar from childhaving secured one in Pitt County, clerking hood with one such town where the folina store, I undertook it, but was so weak I lowing branches of manufacture were could not do the work and had to give it up.

The disease settled in my knees, legs and Four flouring and grist mills, three feet. I was taking first one kind of medicine saw mills, five wagon and carriage The Cleanse the System

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> upon those who remain behind. There sent is little incentive to start new enterpost paid on receipt of price, (50 cents a box, prises, and especially is there small or six boxes for \$2.50) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. ed trades. Hence the prospect before the boys of these villages is depressing in the extreme. There is practically was to be heard all over the country. in any trade except in the building no chance for a boy to become skilled trades, the blacksmith shops, and in petto to the sleeping fields. The boy awakening to the value of manualthe commonest handlcrafts. The late training schools is confined almost exclusively to the largest cities. Nothing is done in the smaller towns to teach manual skill or general expertness in the use of tools, and the idea of any public effort to encourage the education of highly skilled mechanics in any the state of the state training schools is confined almost exdepartment is not even thought of. A boy may learn to hold a plow, to shovel dirt, to do common carpenters' work, to paint a house, to shoe a horse, he may learn how to clerk in a store, to become a lawyer, or to sell life-insurance; but the country towns are absothe mechanic arts, and teaching the American youth that general knowledge and special skill, without which our native workers are being so rapidly driven out of the higher branches of industrial activity. In Switzerland. Germany, Belgium, Holland, Austria the village boy or girl with an aptitude finds a school near by in which he may pursue the lines of study proper to lay the foundation for any art or call-Raleigh, but never since then has adding, and in most cases he may then enter a trade school from which, after years of the most thorough, practical and technical instruction, he may be

graduated, a finished master of his chosen trade. What is to become of the American cural and village population, which is there are at least a hundred others shut out from even the benefits of such that are following in their footsteps. manual training as may now be had Almost every State in the Union has in the high schools of the most progression its ambitious young explorer who hopes sive cities? We are fast creating a peasantry, which, in another generation, will seem rude in comparison with the peasantry of Europe, unless we adopt some enlightened method of enabling our workers to compete, man for man, with the artisans of Europe

Has a Peculiar Appetite. among the remarkable birds of New Lealand, says the Revue Francaise, is the greenish-gray nocturnal parrot of ant colonels, 25 majors and 34 captains. the genus Strigons, which lives in but-The different branches of the service rows and resembles an owl, and a still are represented as follows: General officers, 5; adjutant general's depart bills, which the English have come to regard as a dangerous nuisance. The English, as is well known, introduced sheep farming into New Zealand, as well as into Australia. Now these parrots have acquired the habit of perchlains 1; cavalry, 16; artillery, 10; in ing upon the backs of the sheep and rants, 41. excavating holes therein with their formidable bills in order to extract the Every man has as much right to tidneys. The fact is so much more cuto an innate instinct, since previous to a Juny CARLE & SONS, New York.

the arrival of the English, these birds had never seen a sheep, nor even any animal of analogous conformation, the fauna of New Zealand including scarcely a single mammal. We know, moreover, that in entire Oceanica there are no other mammals except marsuplais. There is here, then, on the part of these birds, an act of intelligence and even of calculation, so much the more curious in that it is certainly conplicated with a phenomenon of language or analogous communication. It is true that the birds are parrots, but the fact is none the less worthy of re-

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